Why We Must Believe in Christ's Second Coming

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.
To those who eagerly wait for Him, He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
Hebrews 9:28 NKJV

Theological Reasons for Believing in the Second Advent

Were it not for Christ's Second Coming…

- We would have a creation (Gen. 1:1; Heb. 11:3) without a consummation (Acts 3:20-21; Rev. 20:11), resulting in an open-ended Universe (1 Cor. 15:23-24; 2 Peter 3:3-4). *This is rejected in Genesis 8:22.*
- We would have a world eternally groaning (Romans 8:22; 2 Cor. 5:1-4), without any glorious resolution (Romans 8:21; 2 Peter 3:12-13).
- We would have a Savior quietly departing before His followers (Luke 24:50-52; 1 Cor. 15:5-8), without ever enjoying a victorious exhibition before His world (Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-11).
- We would have a redemption spiritually focused (Romans 8:10; Eph. 1:3), without a physical dimension (Romans 8:11; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- We would have a Redeemer bodily ascended into heaven (Acts 1:8-11; Col. 2:9), without any physical family joining with Him (1 Cor. 15:20-28; Philippians 3:20-21).
- We would have a gospel continually necessary (Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8), without any final victory (Matt. 28:20; 1 Cor. 15:24)—the number of the elect would never be filled.

Logical and Scientific Reasons for Believing in the Second Coming

- All scientists now agree that the world had a beginning. If the world had a beginning, it must have an end (steady state cosmology has been debunked).
- If creation can be proven as a most likely origin of the universe, it stands to reason that consummation would be the logical conclusion.

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What Must Happen Before Christ Returns

- The Gospel must be preached in all the earth (Matthew 24:14). *Status: Fulfilled or close to being fulfilled.*
- Israel (defined as the vast number of Jews living at the end of the age) will embrace Jesus as their promised Messiah (Romans 9-11). *Status: Seems to be occurring, but not complete.*
- The final Antichrist will appear at the time of the end (II Thessalonians 2:1-12). *Status: Not yet occurred.*

What Does the Nicene Creed Say?

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

Note: Rejection of the Nicene Creed is historically the definition of heresy

Reasons to Reject Hyper-Preterism

Hyper-preterism is the belief that Jesus returned in 70 A.D. with the destruction of the Temple. This can be refuted as follows:

- Christians living at that time still saw the Second Coming as future.
- Evidence strongly points to the Book of Revelation being written at the end of the First Century. Plus, liberals always suggest a more recent date to Scripture. Why do they argue the opposite with Revelation? (inconsistent argument)
- Luke's gospel is written to provide an orderly account. His version of the Olivet Discourse makes clear that a long period of time is expected between the destruction of Jerusalem and the time of the end.
- Hyper-preterism denies the resurrection of believers and unbelievers and thus is a denial of Biblical theism.